

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

*Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C, September 21, 2025*

**No servant can serve two masters.**



**He will either hate one  
and love the other,  
or be devoted to one  
and despise the other.**

**You cannot serve both God and mammon.**





# Confirmation

Congratulations to Those  
Confirmed September 19th by  
Bishop Dennis Spies

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Jordan "Sebastain" Katsantonos  
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Hannah "Veronica" Willix  
Dominic "Michael" Zagotta  
Nicholas "Anthony" Zagotta  
\*Confirmed at another time:  
William Bulyk

## CONFIRMATION PRAYER

*Spirit of God, grant me:  
The gift of wisdom  
To see the world through your eyes,  
The gift of counsel  
To make difficult decisions,  
The gifts of knowledge and understanding  
To use my mind to know you  
and to love you,  
The gift of fortitude  
To have the courage to live in the faith  
Despite the difficulties and  
disappointments,  
The gift of piety  
To be able to express my special love  
And commitment to you,  
And the right kind of awesome fear  
That makes me pause to wonder and revere  
God's Love. Amen*

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, September 20, Vigil Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm † Paul Martineau (*Walter & Therese Martineau*)  
 † Joseph & Florence Bryja (*Joe & Dee Bryja*)  
 † Joe Konopka (*Kay Konopka*)  
 † James Russell (*Marianne Russell & Family*)

### Sunday, September 21, Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am ♥† The People of the Parish  
 10:00am † Viginia Zalasko (*Bernie & Chris Bartelli*)  
 Noon ♥ For the Catechists of SJB

### Monday, September 22

8:00am ♥ Violet Garro, intentions (*Maureen & Joe Garro*)

### Tuesday, September 23

8:00am ♥ Autumn Bodi, intentions (*Maureen & Joe Garro*)

### Wednesday, September 24

8:00am † Ben & Fay Sikorski (*The Sikorski Family*)

### Thursday, September 25

8:00am † Howard Skolak (*Jim Feltes*)

### Friday, September 26

8:00am † Mary Cernik (*The Novotny Family*)

### Saturday, September 27

8:00am Feast of St. Vincent de Paul

## Scripture Readings For the Week of For the Week of September 21 , 2025

**Sunday Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

**Monday**  
 Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk 8:16-18

**Tuesday Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina**  
 Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5;  
 Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday**  
 Ezr 9:5-9; Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday**  
 Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Lk 9:7-9

**Friday**  
 Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4; Lk 9:18-22

**Saturday Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul**  
 Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab,13; Lk 9:43b-45

**Sunday Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16;  
 Lk 16:19-31

## Prayer Requests

We understand how important it is to lift our loved ones up in prayer. If you have someone who needs prayers, is sick, or has passed away, please contact us at 630-668-0918 x 0, or [contactus@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto:contactus@stjohnwinfield.org).

Lawrence Campbell  
 David Henderson  
 Luke Hougan  
 Britney Prehn  
 Edward Ranahan  
 Desiree Sheppard  
 Anita Venard  
 Marino Verdico

## Prayer Line

If you would like a loved one prayed for by our prayer line, please visit our website to submit a request at [stjohnwinfield.org/prayer-request](http://stjohnwinfield.org/prayer-request).



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If you would like your name or the name of your loved one on this list, please contact the parish office:  
 630.668.0918 x 0  
[contactus@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto:contactus@stjohnwinfield.org)

## Our Sanctuary Lamps

This week, our Sanctuary Lamps\* burn in Memory of (†) /Honor of (♥):  
**CHAPEL † Ruben Garza**  
**CHURCH † Amelia Alcazar**



\*If you would like to request a sanctuary lamp to burn in memory of/in honor of a loved one, please contact the parish office. A \$10.00 donation per week is requested.



# Coming Soon to St. John's

*Spiritual Adoption Program*

Spiritual adoption was promoted by the late Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. He encouraged the "spiritual adoption" of an unborn child to help stop the anti-life push.

**SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PRAYER**




*Jesus, Mary, Joseph,  
I love you very much.  
I beg you to spare the life of the  
unborn child that I have spiritually  
adopted who is in danger of abortion.*

Pray every day for your "adopted" mother and child in danger of abortion from March 25 - December 25 (9 months: the Annunciation to Christmas).

The "spiritual adoption" prayer cards are now available for you, the "spiritual parent" in the Chapel. Feel free to grab one to use at home to pray for your "adopted baby." God knows who the child is that you are praying for!

Our spirituality adopted babies will be born December 25, 2025.




## DONATE BLOOD

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**CATHOLICS  
FOR LIFE**

*"May the dignity of man according  
to the Creator's plan be spread" – Pope St. John Paul II*

Thank you to all who signed up to pray at Waterleaf during the 40 Days for Life Fall Vigil. Our first day will be opening day on Wednesday, September 24 at 11 AM. Please remember to dress for the weather—it's often cooler there than at home. Since you will be outside for an hour, either standing or sitting, you may want to bring a chair. We also encourage you to bring water and, most importantly, a Rosary.

Another wonderful opportunity to pray and witness for the unborn is the National Life Chain on Respect Life Sunday, October 5. We will gather in the parking lot of The Compass Church, 520 E. Roosevelt Rd. in Wheaton, at 1:45 PM for a brief prayer service, and to pick up non-confrontational signs. Together with many other churches, we will witness and pray silently between 2 and 3 PM

### Fall Bazaar 2025 – Register to Rent a Table!

This year our CCW is again offering a *Resale Market* section at our annual Fall Bazaar. The Bazaar will be Saturday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 4pm in Sebahar Hall

*If you would like to rent an 8 ft table to sell your things in our Garage/Resale section of the Bazaar, please complete the form below and turn it into the parish office.*

When you rent a table, you will be responsible for bringing your items into Sebahar Hall and displaying at the table provided. You must be present during the sale hours to manage your table and sales.

When the Bazaar is over at 4pm on Oct 18th, you must remove any unsold items.

Questions - contact Cecily Langellier  
[cecilyandlarry@comcast.net](mailto:cecilyandlarry@comcast.net) Call or text to 630-408-2109

**Registration Form – Fall Bazaar Oct 18, 2025 – Garage/Resale Section \$25 per table**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Type of items selling \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tables renting at \$25/table \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

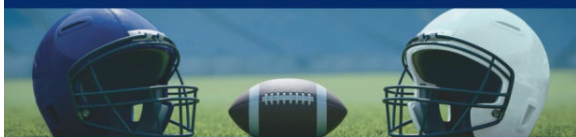
*Please include cash or check payable to St. John's CCW with this registration and leave in the parish office. If office is not open, put in mail slot of door. Thank you*



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**Sunday, September 21, 2025**  
**1:00 pm - 7:00 pm**  
**St. John the Baptist School**  
**Parking Lot & Gym**



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All registered participants will receive a wristband upon entry

### Event Registration:

**General Admission Tailgating Spot: \$50** - 1 Vehicle/ Family Admission

**Walk-Up Admission: \$20** - 1 Person Admission

**Beer Garden: \$20**- 1 Person Admission (21 and Older)

VIP Viewing Experience and Craft Beer Access

### Event Sponsorships:

**Wildcat White: \$100**

1 Preferred Tailgating Spot,  
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Recognition at Halftime

**Wildcat Blue: \$250**

1 Preferred Tailgating Spot,  
1 Football Square,  
4 Beer Garden Tickets + VIP Viewing Experience Access, &  
Recognition at Halftime

**Wildcat Gold: \$500**

2 Preferred Tailgating Spots,  
2 Football Squares,  
8 Beer Garden Tickets + VIP Viewing Experience Access, &  
Recognition at Halftime

**Wildcat Platinum: \$1000**

4 Preferred Tailgating Spots,  
4 Football Squares,  
12 Beer Garden Tickets + VIP Viewing Experience Access  
Recognition at Halftime

### Day of Event Info

**Parking Lot opens at 1:00 pm.**

Bring your friends, favorite food and beverages (no glass bottles please)

\$20 unlimited domestic draft beer cups available for purchase

50/50 and Football Squares available prior. Day of event - CASH ONLY

**Knights of Columbus** will have food available for purchase

**Gas grills only!**

**Lot closes at 7:00 pm.**

Thank you for your generosity in supporting St. John the Baptist Catholic School.



# Around the Diocese



## JUBILEE YEAR 2025 CELEBRATIONS

On September 26-28, our Holy Father will be remembering in prayer and celebrating with Catechists. These women and men bring the Word of God and the teachings of the Church through their ministry to all of God's people from the youngest of children to the most senior of adults.

Let us pray for them and in some way show our overwhelming gratitude for their willingness to share their time, talent and treasure with all in your parish community.

**Discerning? We can help you foster  
your vocation to fatherhood ...  
Because God Still Calls.**



Scan the QR code to learn  
more and register!

**Join us for an upcoming Vianney Visit:  
November 13-15, 2024**



For questions:  
[vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org)  
Phone - 815-221-6170

Saint John Vianney College Seminary (St. Paul, MN) is the largest collaborative college seminary in the United States, representing 18 dioceses throughout the nation with more than 100 undergraduate men in formation this year. The event is free of charge.

## Curious about Pope Leo XIV?

Dr. Mary Amore and the Board of Directors  
of Mayslake Ministries cordially invite you to

### A Joyful Evening of Conversation

with Fr. Tony Pizzo, O.S.A.,

Prior Provincial of the Augustinians  
and lifelong friend of Pope Leo.

**When: Friday, September 26th at 7:00pm**

**Where: Ascension of our Lord Parish, Oakbrook Terrace, IL.**

Fr. Tony fondly recalls: "As the red velvet curtains at the Vatican parted, I realized that my college pal from the South Side of Chicago- that I know as "Bob" - had been elected the first American pope."

Join us for a special evening as Fr. Tony Pizzo, O.S.A., Prior Provincial of the Augustinians, offers reflections and personal stories about Pope Leo XIV, the newly elected, Chicago-born Pontiff.

The evening will include a Q&A session, providing attendees the opportunity to learn more and ask questions about the new Holy Father. Wine and cheese will be served.

Register online at [www.mayslakeministries.org](http://www.mayslakeministries.org)  
or by phone at 630-852-9000.  
Admission: \$30 per person.

All proceeds raised will support the work  
of Mayslake Ministries.



## Chain-For-Life Event

Wheaton, Illinois

**Sunday, October 5, 2025**

St. Michael Parish in Wheaton is Partnering with  
Local Area Catholic and Christian Churches and the  
National LifeChain Org. to Host an Ecumenical  
Silent, Prayerful, Chain-For-Life Event  
on Roosevelt Rd. from Naperville Rd. to President  
from 2:00 PM to 3:00PM on Sunday, October 5, 2024.

**Please arrive by 1:45PM at 520 E. Roosevelt Rd. Wheaton, IL**

**(Compass Church parking lot) for a brief prayer service and to pick-up a sign!**

Please bring a friend and encourage all you know to join us for this peaceful and prayerful event!

For more details: Contact Vince Heaton at: [wheaton2@gmail.com](mailto:wheaton2@gmail.com)  
or call him at 630 235-3448



### Sacrificial Giving

Offertory collections for the weekend of  
**September 7, 2025 were \$20,877.00**

We thank you for your support and prayers in helping us meet our weekly goal of \$24,600.

### Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday 8:00am (Chapel)  
Saturday 8:00am & 5:00pm (Church)  
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am & Noon (Church)

### Holy Day Masses:

Vigil 7:00pm (Church)  
Holy Day 8:00am (Church)

### Holiday Masses:

9:00am only (subject to change)

### Confessions:

Friday 3pm (Church)  
Saturday after 8am Mass (Church)

### Adoration:

Thursdays 9:00am - 6:00pm (Chapel)

### Grief Support:

Our grief support ministry offers a supportive environment for those dealing with loss. Meetings will resume in the fall. Please watch the bulletin for updates later in the summer.

### Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting:

Thursdays at 7:00pm in Sodonna Hall (lower level of parish office)

### New Parishioners

You can register by visiting our website at [www.stjohnwinfield.org](http://www.stjohnwinfield.org) or stop by the parish office.

### Sick and Homebound

Contact the Parish Office at ext.0 for prayer, or to receive Eucharist from a Minister of Care.

### Baptisms

Baptisms are celebrated on the third Saturday of the month at 12:00pm, (scheduling subject to change with special events, and holidays). Please contact the parish office for information on registering your child for baptism. There is a three-month waiting period for new parishioners.

### Funerals

Are usually arranged by the funeral home director at the funeral home of your choice. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions.

### Weddings

St. John's requires the bride or groom, or either of their parents to be registered parishioners for at least three months prior to contacting the parish office. Either the bride or groom should contact the parish office to start the marriage process for a wedding. Please do not reserve your venue prior to scheduling your wedding date with our pastor. Diocesan policy requires at least six months of marriage preparation.

## St. John the Baptist Information

**Rev. Daniel Bachner, Pastor**  
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Holiday schedule subject to change and has earlier deadlines.

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## Cursillo Corner

### Fall Cursillo Weekend Dates

Cursillo weekends will be held at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien. Please pray about who you are called to invite to this life changing weekend.

Applications are available at [www.jolietcursillo.org](http://www.jolietcursillo.org).

♦ Men's 146th Weekend October 23-26 (Rector: Bob Barron)

If you would like to be sponsored for a weekend or are looking for additional information on the Cursillo Movement, contact our Parish Coordinator, Amy Serritella at [amythe1@att.net](mailto:amythe1@att.net) or visit the website [www.jolietcursillo.org](http://www.jolietcursillo.org).



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